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HOUSE BILL NO. 1028

Introduced by: The Committee on Health and Human Services at the request of the
Department of Human Services

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise the composition of the review panel of interpreters
2 for the deaf and hard of hearing.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 1-36A-11 be amended to read as follows:

5 1-36A-11. The Department of Human Services shall establish a review panel, which shall
6 meet at least semiannually, to review and assign interpreter qualification levels based upon a
7 performance review before the panel, a review of certification issued by another state or territory
8 or a review of certification issued by a nationally administered examination. The review panel
9 shall consist of five individuals who are fluent in American sign language, signed English, or a
10 combination of both. ~~Two~~ Three individuals shall be deaf or hard of hearing, ~~one individual shall~~
11 ~~be a certified deaf interpreter (CDI) or an individual who is an American sign language instructor~~
12 ~~who is deaf~~, and two individuals shall be Level V South Dakota certified interpreters. ~~The review~~
13 ~~panel shall include an interpreter who is certified by the National Association for the Deaf (NAD)~~
14 ~~and an interpreter who is certified by the National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc.~~
15 ~~(NRIID)~~. All individuals serving on the review panel shall have successfully completed the

- 1 evaluators' training based on the National Association for the Deaf Interpreter Assessment
- 2 Evaluator's Manual. The department shall maintain, and publish, and make available upon request
- 3 a registry of all certified interpreters and their respective levels of qualification.